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SUBJECT: CAMPUS SECURITY TIGHTENED DURING BAKER VISIT

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT
2. SECURITY AT SEVERAL BEIJING CAMPUSES WAS TIGHTENED

DURING SECRETARY BAKER'S VISIT, WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PREVENTING CAMPUS ACCESS TO UNAUTHORIZED FOREIGNERS. DESPITE THE STRICTER SECURITY, A PRO-DEMOCRACY POSTER APPEARED BRIEFLY ON A BULLETIN BOARD AT BEIJING UNIVERSITY AROUND THE TIME OF THE VISIT. WESTERNERS STUDYING AND TEACHING AT BEIJING UNIVERSITY AND BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY REPORT THAT THEY NOW HAVE TO SHOW THEIR U.S. WHEN ENTERING CAMPUSES. A RULE THAT HAD LARGELY BEEN IGNORED BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. PREVIOUSLY, FOREIGNERS WERE MUCH LESS LIKELY THAN CHINESE TO BE CHECKED WHEN ENTERING CAMPUSES. THE STRICTER ENTRANCE PROCEDURES HAVE STAYED IN PLACE SINCE THE VISIT ENDED. THESE FOREIGNERS ALSO REPORT A GENERAL SENSE OF BEING WATCHED MORE THAN BEFORE, ON AND OFF CAMPUS.

3. AS REPORTED IN THE WESTERN PRESS, A PRO-DEMOCRACY POSTER APPEARED ON A BEIJING UNIVERSITY BULLETIN BOARD ONE MORNING AROUND THE TIME OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT BUT WAS QUICKLY TAKEN DOWN. AMERICAN STUDENTS THERE SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW IF THE PERSON WHO PUT UP THE SIGN HAD BEEN CAUGHT.

COMMENT

4. THE CONTINUATION OF TOUGHER CAMPUS SECURITY AFTER THE VISIT MAY SIMPLY BE INERTIA; NO ONE WILL GIVE AN EXPLICIT ORDER TO REDUCE SECURITY. HOWEVER, THE RECENT POSTER INCIDENT AT BEIJING UNIVERSITY MAY HAVE GIVEN BRITISH UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS REASON TO MAKE THE NEW PROCEDURES PERMANENT. SUCH MEASURES AS THESE AND

THE DETENTION OF ACTIVISTS DAI QING AND HOU XIAOTIAN UNDERSCORED THE DETERMINATION OF THE LEADERSHIP HERE TO PREVENT INCIDENTS DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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